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FOR HUMMEL FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR,RP
SUBJECT: GOP PROCUREMENT OF F-5E AIRCRAFT

REF: A. STATE 204715 B. MANILA 12462

1. DEFENSE SECRETARY ENRILE HAS SENT ME THE FOLLOWING LETTER
CONCERNING PROCUREMENT OF ELEVEN (11) F-5E AIRCRAFT:

QUOTE:

DEAR AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN:

THIS IS IN CONNECTION WITH THE REQUEST OF THE
REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES TO PROCURE ELEVEN (11) F-5E
AIRCRAFT THROUGH FMS WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED TO JUSMAG-
PHIL ON 14 MAY 1976.

I WAS INFORMED THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT NOTIFIED
DOD OF OUR REQUEST ON 27 JULY 1976 AND THAT I AM ALSO
INFORMED THAT THE LETTER OF OFFER IS EXPECTED TO BE
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COMPLETED BY ABOUT 27 SEPTEMBER 76 AFTER WHICH IT WILL BE

SUBMITTED TO THE U.S. CONGRESS FOR APPROVAL. THE U.S. CONGRESS WILL RECESS BY 4 OCT 76 GIVING BARELY FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS FOR THE LETTER OF OFFER TO BE ACTED UPON. THERE IS THEREFORE A GREAT POSSIBILITY THAT THE LETTER OF OFFER (DD FORM 1513) FOR ELEVEN (11) F-5E'S MAY NOT BE ACTED UPON BY THE U.S. CONGRESS BEFORE ITS RECESS, WHICH MAY MEAN A SETBACK UP TO THREE MONTHS UNTIL THE CONGRESS RECONVENES.

IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, I AM REQUESTING YOUR HELP TO EXPEDITE THE PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION OF THE LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO THE U.S. CONGRESS SOONEST.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

JUAN PONCE ENRILE
SECRETARY

END QUOTE

2. I WILL NEED TO ADVISE ENRILE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE LETTER OF OFFER (LOA) AND HOW WE INTEND TO GO ABOUT SATISFYING THE CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS BEFORE CONGRESS RECESSES IN OCTOBER. IT IS OUR INFORMAL UNDERSTANDING HERE THAT THE CHIEF OF STAFF OF AIR FORCE PLANS TO PUT THE LOA BEFORE CONGRESS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THE REQUIRED 30 CALENDAR DAY NOTIFICATION WOULD BE COMPLETED BEFORE RECESS ON OCTOBER 4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEFINITIVE INDICATION OF WHAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE SO THAT WE CAN REASSURE ENRILE THAT WE ARE DOING ALL WE CAN TO MOVE THE PACKAGE ALONG.

3. WE ALSO INTEND TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT WITH ENRILE ON THE IMPLICATION IN HIS LETTER THAT THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN UNNECESSARY DELAY AT JUSMAG OR ELSEWHERE ON OUR SIDE IN PROCESSING THE LOA.

4. THE SOONER WE CAN DEMONSTRATE TO ENRILE AND OTHERS IN THE GOP THAT WE ARE DOING ALL WE CAN ON THIS PROJECT THE BETTER OUR CHANCES FOR DISPELLING ANY SUSPICION ON THE
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PHILIPPINE SIDE THAT WE HAVE BEEN DRAGGING OUR HEELS, PERHAPS BECAUSE OF THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS. THE LAMENTABLE ANDERSON AFFAIR OF LAST WEEK CONTINUES TO RECEIVE HEAVY PLAY HERE AND MAKES OUR EFFORTS IN THIS REGARD ALL THE MORE IMPERATIVE.

5. I WILL BE SEEING ENRILE AUGUST 28 MANILA TIME AND WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THE INFORMATION REQUESTED ABOVE AT

OPENING OF BUSINESS THAT DAY.
SULLIVAN

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